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## WOMAN'S CASE IN EQUITY

Gracefully and Forcefully Presented by Mrs. Mary Church Terrell Before the Brainiest of Equal Suffragists in America—The Premier Representative of our Womanhood Makes the Hit of the Convention.

The equal suffragists have come and gone. Those who followed their proceedings and digested their arguments will all agree that the cause they advocate with so much earnestness and intelligence is today better understood than ever before, and has been made to command a more and more serious degree of consideration. Woman suffrage, once a subject for ridicule, has ceased to be a joke. It is one of the grave problems of the hour. The wonderful advancement of the feminine sex in business, in the professions, in the industries, and in the world of finance, is giving her an importance in the affairs of life which the sensible man must recognize, and subscribe to a change of laws and customs to accord with the higher conditions that have come about in consequence of woman's broadening influence.

All of the week's sessions were instructive and interesting. Well informed and witty women, thoroughly alive to everything, not only where the advancement of women is concerned, but in all things and events which are under discussion throughout the whole world, addressed the meetings when they were thrown open for that purpose, and delivered their opinions with great force of logic and intelligence. There is nothing about the woman suffragist today to remind one of the agitator of a quarter of a century ago. The mannishly attired, short skirted, short-haired woman, who, for so many years, was the butt of the satirist and the cartoonist, has been shoved off of the board, and in her place stands the cultured, womanly woman of the twentieth century. In her dress she keeps pace with fashion. She is in many instances a mother, and she boasts of it and the home which she ennobles.

Many of the nation's brightest women took part in the gathering, headed by the veteran Susan B. Anthony, but no one made a better impression for wisdom, happiness of expression and power of oratory than did our own Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, president of the National Association of Colored Women. As was noted in a former issue



MRS. MARY CHURCH TERRELL,  
President of the National Association of Colored Women. Her Address on "Woman Suffrage" the Hit of the Recent Gathering of America's Brainiest Women.

of this paper Mrs. Terrell was announced to speak on "The Justice of Woman Suffrage," the piece de resistance of the whole convention. We said Mrs. Terrell would meet the highest expectations in handling this trying topic—and she more than did so. Her effort was a masterpiece of argument, scholarly and logically put, and was delivered with that ease and grace of bearing, that ineffable charm and magnetism of manner, and dignity and force that are characteristic of all Mrs. Terrell does or says. She was herself—at her best—that's all, and to state that her presentation was "Terrellesque" will convey a perfectly clear idea of its excellence to all who know the leader of Afro-American womanhood. The race may well feel proud of such a splendid representation. By Mrs. Terrell's appearance at this convention both the cause of women in general and the Negro in particular has been incalculably benefited.

We cannot give the entire address, but Mrs. Terrell said in part:

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A Banquet in Honor of Abraham Lincoln's Birthday.

Baltimore, Md., Special—On last Monday night at the McKinley Club on Druid Hill avenue, a banquet was tendered in honor of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. After a very fine dinner was served, the table being laden with all the delicacies of the season, Hon. Warner T. McGuinn was made toastmaster of the evening. The gathering was largely attended by many of the prominent citizens of the city.

Dr. J. Marcus Cargill responded to the toast, "Abraham Lincoln." Mr. J. E. G. Webb, "The Political Outlook of the Negro," Hon. George B. Mills, "Organization," J. Henry Bayton, "The Field of Journalism," Mr. Lewis Tunsell, "The Hustler," Samuel C. Brown, "The Qualities of a Man" and Mr. Alex. McDaniel, "The Good Work of Abraham Lincoln." The evening was one of great interest, many fine speeches were made. The annual banquet committee was appointed as follows:

Dr. J. M. Cargill, Messrs. Geo. Mills, J. E. G. Webb and W. T. McGuinn. The inclemency of the weather did not at all prevent a goodly number being present, and all seemed to have enjoyed the celebration of the noted and worthy chieftain's birthday, in the personation of Abraham Lincoln.

## POLITICS IN CONNECTICUT.

The Patriarch Meeting in June  
—Death of a Prominent Woman  
Social Horoscopes—News Notes

New Haven, Conn., Special—All colored men who are interested in the political welfare of the race in New Haven should be up and doing. There should be more interest along that line now than ever. There is something in store for the colored man if he will only get out and hustle for himself. We have a great many men who will "blow" around and say what ought to be done, but are never ready to assist. There is also a class of men who go into politics looking only for their own interest and when they find they cannot win out they will try to kill the progress of every other colored man. This spirit must die before the Negro can prosper in New England. The Negro must learn to talk his business with his friends and keep it from the white man the white man is looking for himself everytime, and when he asks any favors of the Negro, the return is always made with a promise. But, ah, the Negro of today has seen the folly and has decided to demand such rights as belong to the Negro, simply by casting an honest ballot next spring.

The Goffe street branch of the Y. M. C. A. is the only colored Y. M. C. A. in New England today and it is very painful to say that there are nearly six thousand Negroes in this city and this association has such small attendance. The young men in New Haven should feel it a duty to support this organization.

The annual Field day and Convention of the New England and New York Patriarch Union which was to convene in New Haven on the first day of June 1900. All Patriarch under the jurisdiction of this Union will govern themselves accordingly. For further information address A. Lee Epps, No. 78 Webster street, New Haven, Conn.

Mrs. Josephine Mitchell, of Milford, after returning from church Sunday evening, February 4, met with a very sad death. Early Monday morning she was found in the well by her husband. It proved to be an accidental death from the verdict rendered by the coroner's inquest. Mrs. Mitchell was born in Norfolk, Va., 50 years ago and has lived North for 25 years or more.

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